

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1607**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Knight**

January 7, 2010

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An act to amend Section 487i of the Penal Code, relating to crimes.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1607, as introduced, Knight. Public housing authority program: fraud.

Existing law provides that anyone who defrauds a housing program of a public housing authority of more than \$400 is guilty of grand theft.

This bill would provide, in addition, that any public housing authority may require that any application or document filed with the public housing authority be signed and submitted under penalty of perjury.

By expanding the crime of perjury, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 487i of the Penal Code is amended to  
2 read:

1     487i. (a) Any person who defrauds a housing program of a  
2     public housing authority of more than four hundred dollars (\$400)  
3     is guilty of grand theft.

4     (b) *Any public housing authority may require that any*  
5     *application or document filed with the public housing authority*  
6     *be signed and submitted under penalty of perjury.*

7     SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
8     Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
9     the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
10    district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or  
11    infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
12    for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of  
13    the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within  
14    the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
15    Constitution.